



EAST LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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As a diverse community of believers, we strive to follow God — the Creator who calls us, Jesus who teaches us, and the Spirit who empowers us. We show God's unconditional love by providing a refuge for spiritual growth, ardently pursuing justice, and extending Christ's radical hospitality to all. (Strategic Vision mission statement, 2011)

JANUARY 26, 2020 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

For over 30 years
Dr. Gerre Edward
Hancock (1934-2012)
was Organist and
Choirmaster at St.
Thomas Episcopal
Church, New York City.
Dr. Ed Moore studied
with him at the Eastman
School of Music. The
tune *Schönster Herr
Jesu (Beautiful Savior)*
is based on a Silesian
folk song from the early
19th Century.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:
Almighty God, by grace
alone you call us and
accept us in your
service. Strengthen us
by your Spirit, and make
us worthy of your call;
through Jesus Christ our
Lord, who lives and
reigns with you in the
unity of Holy Spirit, one
God, now and forever.
Amen.

TIME OF PREPARATION

“The trivial, the mundane, the distractions, the shiny object, the squirrel flitting from branch to branch. These are almost like a drug, reaching out to you, interrupting, engrossing, diverting, interfering, confusing and preoccupying your thinking and focus. Distractions keep you from your real mission. Prevent you from concentrating on and accomplishing the truly important things in your life.”

— Enrique Fiallo (*Life coach, speaker, writer*)

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*

“Schönster Herr Jesu (Beautiful Savior)”

Gerre Hancock

Our worship begins with the Ministry of Music/Prelude.

Please use this time to fill out the red Friendship pads and for quiet worship preparation.

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

* SHARING GOD'S PEACE

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Leader: La paz de Cristo esté con ustedes.

The peace of Christ be with you.

People: Y también contigo.

And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Brittney Krieger, Lauren Uranker

Leader: Let the ears of all people be attentive; the heavens are telling the glory of God.

People: **Everything around us proclaims God's handiwork. Let us bow down and worship our Creator.**

Leader: Day and night, God is at work among us. We are drawn together into one body, the church.

People: As we commune with God, we know we need one another. Let us honor the good to be found in all people.

Leader: Hear once again the laws and commandments. Find them sure and right and true for all.

People: Let us seek true community in which all are welcomed, honored, and cherished.

Leader: Let us praise and worship God!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #305

DARWALL'S 148TH

“Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”

* Indicates where you may please rise in body or spirit.

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ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY:

Pentateuch, the Jewish Bible, was first printed as a book in Bologna, Italy (1482); the Council of Trent issued its conclusions in the *Tridentinum*, establishing a distinction between Roman Catholicism and Protestantism (1564); Michigan was admitted as the 26th state (1837); Louisiana seceded from the Union (US Civil War, 1861); in the American Civil War, the Massachusetts Governor received permission from the Secretary of War to raise a militia organization for men of African descent (54th Massachusetts Regiment, 1863); and **the world's largest diamond**, the 3,106-carat *Cullinan*, was found in South Africa (1905).

Born on this day were Bessie Coleman, the first African American airplane pilot (1893); Maria Augusta von Trapp, Austrian singer who inspired the *Sound of Music* in Vienna, Austro-Hungarian Empire (1905-1987); Paul Newman, actor, race car driver, and **Newman's Own** charity food company founder in Cleveland, Ohio (1925-2008); and Ellen DeGeneres, comedienne, and talk show host in New Orleans, Louisiana (1958).

CALL TO CONFESSION

Brittney Krieger, Lauren Uranker

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Brittney Krieger, Lauren Uranker

Gracious God, there are times when we do not know what to confess. We seek to keep your commandments and law, but the right course for us to take is not always clear. We want to follow your direction, but it is hard to discern what is true. Sometimes it is difficult to care about people whose values or lives we perceive to be different from our own. At times our faith is shaken – our faith in ourselves and our faith in you. We need your help, God, so our sins, transgressions and failures will not have dominion over us. Amen.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Brittney Krieger, Lauren Uranker

Leader: Paul reminds us, "There is one God from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. If one loves God, one is known by God." As we confess our sin before God, God is faithful and just, and in Christ Jesus, through whom we exist, God forgives us our sin. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: En Jesucristo tenemos perdón. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
¡Alaben a Dios! Praise God!

RESPONSE OF PRAISE HYMN #741

GUIDE MY FEET

"Guide My Feet"

Guide my feet while I run this race; guide my feet while I run this race;

Guide my feet while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!

Hold my hand ...

Stand by me ...

I'm your child ...

Search my heart ...

Guide my feet ...

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 4:12-23

Gil Hickman

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

Children of any age are welcome to come forward for Moments with our Children. Those who have completed first grade or younger are invited to attend our Extended Session program for the remainder of our worship time in the Nursery Suite on the first floor.

HYMN #452

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

OPEN THE EYES

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

SERMON

"Majoring in the Minor"

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Callahan

The Lord's Prayer can be found on pg. 35 (English), on pg. 40 (Español) or on pg. 45 (한국어) in the Glory to God hymnal.

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625) was appointed senior organist at the Chapel Royal in 1605 and then at Westminster Abbey in 1623. He was a leading composer in England and important transitional figure between the Renaissance and Baroque periods. The text of *Almighty and Everlasting God*, a collect for the Third Sunday after Epiphany, comes from the 1549 *Book of Common Prayer*.

OFFERING INVITATION

The Rev. Callahan

We offer our gifts in response to God's love, and the grace of Jesus Christ, which we seek to make known through the ministries of this congregation.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Almighty and Everlasting God"

Orlando Gibbons

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH



* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. Callahan

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Leader:	El Señor esté con ustedes.	The Lord be with you.
People:	Y también contigo.	And also with you.
Leader:	Levantemos nuestros corazones.	Lift up your hearts.
People:	Lo tenemos levantado al Señor.	We lift them up to the Lord.
Leader:	Demos gracias al Señor nuestro Dios.	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People:	Es justo dar gracias y alabanzas a Dios.	It is right to give God thanks and praise.
Leader:	With awe and wonder we come before you, O God, and we dare to enlist our efforts toward the realization of your kingdom come. Where there is injustice, we would champion those who are oppressed or misunderstood. When some feel rejected, we reach out to accept others, as you have accepted us in Christ's name. May these offerings preach and teach and heal.	
People:	Amén.	Amen.

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #547

AR HYDY NOS

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

POSTLUDE

Dr. Moore, organ

"Lift High the Cross"

Lani Smith

Our worship concludes with the postlude. For the benefit of those who wish to listen to the postlude, please refrain from visiting with your neighbors until you have left the sanctuary, or until the postlude has concluded.

The tune CRUCIFER (*Lift High the Cross*) refers literally to the Latin meaning *cross-bearer* but also more figuratively to all Christians who bear the cross by virtue of their baptism.

As part of ELPC's mission to extend radical hospitality to all, our full worship service is now being livestreamed on Facebook and archived at www.ELPC.church. This notice is to inform you that by being in attendance, you give permission for incidences where you appear within the video. Should you have any questions, please see one of our pastors.

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♦ PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preaching: The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy
Liturgists: The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
Gil Hickman
Brittney Krieger, Lauren Uranker
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*
Music Director
ELPC Chancel Choir
Acolyte: Quinn Seif
Beadle: Jo Ellen Aleshire
Crucifer: Nick Genger-Boeldt
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Please join us in the Fellowship Room after worship for our *Fellowship Time*. All are welcome to attend!

♦ WORSHIP FLOWERS

If you would like to purchase flowers for our Sanctuary worship service in honor or memory of a loved one, please call Norma (412.441.3800 x111). The cost is \$175 a Sunday.

♦ SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:45 am.....Journey Worship. An interactive, energetic service for those seeking a fresh encounter with the gospel of Jesus Christ. In Social Hall.
Feb 2 — The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf preaching.

11 am.....Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service with a multi-cultural congregation and music from organ, piano and choir.
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Extended Session

After the *Moments with our Children* during the 11 am Sanctuary service, a children's ministry is offered with songs, Bible or mission stories, prayer, sharing and creative activities. A simple snack is served. In an effort to best know and care for your child, we ask that all families fill out a green Extended Session NAMETAG that your child wears to Extended Session every week.

* *Young Children's Ministry for infants and toddlers (up to age 3)* — First Floor Nursery. Every Sunday.

* *Pre-school age children (through grade 1)* — Room 110B.

♦ WEEKDAY WORSHIP

Labyrinth Prayer Walk

A 38-foot floor mat with curved paths leading inward; an ancient tool for walking and seated meditation.

Mondays, 9 am to 1 pm

Wednesdays, 9 am to 9 pm

Taizé Sung Prayer

Chants and periods of meditative silence modeled after the Taizé community in France.

Wednesdays, 7 pm

Prayer Room (*in Highland Ave hallway*)

Come to sit and pray in silence. Come to experience the quiet in the midst of the wonderful busyness that is ELPC.

Available everyday

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are grateful to have you join us for worship this morning and ask you to register your name in our Friendship Book.

To learn more about our programs, church activities and volunteer services, we invite you to also:

Stay after today's service for our *Fellowship Time* in the Fellowship Room. Identify yourself as a newcomer, and we will be happy to answer any questions you may have about ELPC.

Pick up a copy of our newsletter, the *Reaching Out*, either in the Narthex or at the Hospitality Desk near the Highland Avenue doors.

Attend an *Inquirers' Class* on Sundays, Feb 9 and 16 from 9:45-10:45 am to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Please contact Kate Carlson (KateC@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x116) for info.

Call the Church Office (412.441.3800), or visit the ELPC website at www.ELPC.church.

TODAY AT ELPC

Club 116 Meals Needed

We would be so grateful for you to share your time and talents with our youth. It can be a one-time sign up (or more if you want) on one Wednesday evening for a meal that feeds about 40-50. Stay and serve it to the youth, or drop it off if you are busy that evening. Whatever works for you! Pick up a sample menu for ideas in the hallway by the information screen today. For more details, please contact Sara Hackett (SaraH@coh.net).

Today's Deacons-On-Duty (DOD)

Every Sunday, a DOD (*Deacon-on-Duty*) is available to assist with any emergencies that may occur during our worship services.

The *Journey* service DOD is **Elaine Phillips**.

The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Susan Spangler**.



Fitness, Fun and Mission – RSVP by Jan 30

Support *Open Hand Ministries* in the 2020 Pittsburgh Marathon on May 3! Last year the ELPC relay team *Towering Lights* raised over \$1700. This year we hope to have runners in the marathon, half marathon, and 5K races, and two relay teams. If you are over 14 years of age you can participate in the relay team. Registration is free with met fundraising goals (fundraising help provided). Please contact ELPC's Team Captain Molly Davidson Welling (mollydw@yahoo.com; 412.478.8953) or Emily Rosenthal (EJR116@gmail.com; 412.963.0139) by Jan 30 if you are interested in participating or for more info!

Overnight and OHM Workday – Jan 31

Youth in grades 6–12 are sleeping over at the church on Friday, Jan 31 before joining the *All Church OHM workday*. We will be done on Saturday, Feb 1 at 12:30 pm. Bring your sleeping bag and your work clothes (dress for construction mess and/or cold). For more info, please contact Sara Hackett (SaraH@coh.net).

BECOME A MEMBER OF OUR FAITH FAMILY Sundays, Feb 9 and 16

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Mission Ministry Opportunities – Feb 1 and 4

Please join us in February for two opportunities of fellowship and fun as we support *Open Hand Ministries* (OHM) and neighborhood families! OHM is a ministry partner of ELPC that addresses and promotes justice in the East End by building diverse community focused on financial wellness, equity creation, and home-ownership.

- *Saturday, Feb 1, 9 am-3 pm*: Work day at a house in Garfield that is being rehabbed for an OHM family. No special skills are needed, just willing hands and hearts.
- *Tuesday, Feb 4*: ELPC is providing dinner for the OHM Circles community gathering of families. Donations of salads, side dishes, desserts, plus people to help serve the meal are needed.

For more info, contact Frank Bauerle (fbauerle52@gmail.com, 817.705.6856;); Henry Petrilli (hlp615@gmail.com); or Doris Dick (dadick629@gmail.com).

Thinking About Consciousness – Feb 2

Mark your calendar for a conversation on *Thinking about Consciousness* on Sunday, Feb 2 from Noon-3 pm. Are the “mind” and the “brain” separate? Do we really have free will or are all of our behaviors the result of a pattern of brain function? Is consciousness separate from the brain? Join the Spiritual Life Committee in the 2nd floor Parlor to ponder these topics and more! Lunch will be provided.

Presbyterian Women Bible Study – Feb 3 and 4

Join PW for their Bible study titled *Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the 10 Commandments* on Monday, Feb 3 at 7pm, and Tuesday, Feb 4 at 10:15am. Monday's group will be facilitated by Amy Stabingas and meet in the Trustees Room. Tuesday's group will be led by Sandy Brake in the 2nd floor Parlor, and is followed by a potluck lunch.

Conversation on Race & Faith – Feb 7

Young adults are invited to attend the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary's *6th annual Community Conversation on Race & Faith* on Friday, Feb 7 from 6:30-9:30 pm. Conversation will be primed by viewing the documentary *Backs Against the Wall: The Howard Thurman Story*, which explores the extraordinary life and legacy of one of the most important religious figures of the 20th century. The event is free, but you will need to register at www.pts.edu. Please contact Kelli Booher for info (KelliB@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x114).

Black History Month Luncheon – Feb 9

Enjoy the fellowship of a soul food luncheon celebrating Black History Month immediately after the 11 am worship service on Sunday, Feb 9 in the Social Hall. Hosted by the Mission Board. All are invited!



As a caring congregation of faith, we ask you to remember the following people in your prayers:

Randy and Beth Bush, Kristine Conley,
David Carl's friend's son Morgan,
Molly Dimond-Stephany's sister-in-law,
Lee Lewand, Polly McQueen's brother Clay,
Joel and Beth Minnigh's nephew Stephen,
Molinaro/Karaczun friends Jacob and Jo,
Michael O'Donnell, Carolyn Russ' friend Norman,
Vivienne Selia's sister Sandra, Tiffany Sudar's friend David,
Chenoa Stock Claire's sister Eva,
Pat Valoon and Fran Wilson.

Condolences to Jan Pressman on her stepdaughter's passing.

Committee Meetings This Week

Membership & Outreach Today, 12:15 pm (McKehy Rm)
Centennial Fund Monday, 6:00 pm (Highland Rm)
Justice Team Monday, 7:00 pm (Trustees' Rm)

Dedication of Balaka Room Plaque – Feb 9

We will unveil a commemorative plaque in the Balaka Room on Sunday, Feb 9 memorializing the 25th anniversary of our partnership with Balaka CCAP in Malawi.

Chatham Baroque to Perform – Feb 15

ELPC's *Cathedral Concerts* series continues on Saturday, Feb 15 at 8 pm with a performance by Chatham Baroque in the Chapel. Purchase tickets at www.ChathamBaroque.org. Some complimentary tickets are available to ELPC members. Contact Dr. Edward Alan Moore for details.

Retirement Reception for Gloria Knopp – Feb 16

After more than 17 years of service and countless hours of administrative, logistical, and faithful ministry on behalf of ELPC, Gloria Knopp will be retiring as of Feb 28. A reception to honor Gloria and offer our thanks to her will be held after worship on Sunday, Feb 16.

LGBTQ Ministry – Feb 16

All are invited to the monthly spiritual gathering of ELPC's LGBTQ Ministry on Sunday, Feb 16 at 12:30 pm when we will share lunch, fellowship and more. Allies and LGBTQIA+ folks are welcome. For info or to attend, contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x118).

Congregational Meeting – Feb 23

All ELPC members are encouraged to attend our annual *Congregational Meeting* in the Social Hall following Sanctuary worship on Sunday, Feb 23 to review reports and financial budgets. Nominations for the incoming slate of officers also will be voted on. Lunch will be provided.

In the Refuge of One Another Retreat – Feb 28 to March 1

All are invited to our *In the Refuge of One Another* meditation retreat from Friday–Sunday, Feb 28 to March 1, at the Kearns Spirituality Center. More info is available online at www.ELPC.church.

IN OUR

COMMUNITY



Public Meeting about the South Beatty Parking Lot – Feb 6

ELPC members are encouraged to attend the first public meeting about the South Beatty Development (the parking lot behind the Carnegie Library). The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Feb 6 from 5:30-7:30 pm at Rodman Street Baptist Church (6111 Rodman St, 15206). Refreshments will be served. Because this project will impact those parking to attend ELPC services and events, it is important that our members and friends attend so we can all understanding and participate in the process. Let our voices and opinions be heard!

"The Long Journey" Conference – Feb 9

PA Interfaith Power and Light (IPL) will hold the conference *The Long Journey – From Extracting the Past to Cultivating the Future* at the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary on Sunday, Feb 9 from 1-5 pm. Colette Pichon Battle, the founder and executive director of Gulf Coast Center for Law and Policy, will be the keynote speaker. The organization advances climate justice and ecological equity. The conference will address how our diverse communities can draw on our strengths, build communities and economies in which life, health, and interdependence are the bedrock. Contact Nancy Heastings if you want to be part of the group registration (n.heastings@comcast.net), or register at paipl.us/what-do-we-do/annual-meeting. *ELPC is a member of PA IPL.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

Feb 2 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

♦ ADULTS ♦

Contemporaries (McKelvy Rm) – "Love Your Enemies, Bless Those Who Curse You, Do Good To Those Who Hate You, and Pray for Those Who Mistreat You and Persecute You" presented by Chaplain Tony Richardson-Eckes

Journey with Scripture (Highland Rm) — Proverbs 3:1–10, 11–18; Psalm 49; Hebrews 5:11–14; Acts 8:1b–25 facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

Seekers (Garth Overlook Rm) – "Resisting Enslavement: Maroons, the Haitian Revolution, and the Americas" led by Dr. Yolanda Covington-Ward

Soul Food (Good Samaritan Rm) – A discussion of *Just This* by Richard Rohr, led by Michele Bossers, Judy Roberts, Linda Harrington, and Michelle Yamada

Parenting Circle (Harambe Rm) – Share experiences, resources, prayer and scripture to nurture our parent/child relationships